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SUBJECT: SMIT-LLOYD CHARTERING OF OIL SUPPLY VESSELS
FOR GULF OF ALASKA

REF: THE HAGUE 3149

1. THE SMIT-LLOYD CASE HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE MATTER UNDER
CONSIDERATION WITHIN THE GENERAL COUNSEL'S OFFICE OF THE
MARITIME ADMINISTRATION SINCE OCTOBER, 1974 WHEN SMIT-
LLOYD ATTORNEYS MADE INITIAL INQUIRIES TO MARAD ABOUT THE
POSSIBILITY OF CHARTERING TWO SUPPLY VESSELS UNDER THE
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CIRCUMSTANCES NOTED IN THE REFTEL. FOLLOWING THE FORMAL
APPLICATION FOR CHARTERING RIGHTS MADE IN APRIL, 1975 BY

SMIT-LLOYD, THE GENERAL COUNSEL'S OFFICE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SMIT-LLOYD ATTORNEYS AT LEAST TWO OR THREE TIMES A WEEK CONCERNING MATTERS ON THE APPLICATION.

2. THE CASE DOES FALL WITHIN THE GENERAL PURVIEW OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE JONES ACT AND HAS THUS ATTRACTED GREAT INTEREST FROM THE CONGRESS AND SHIPPING INDUSTRY OFFICIALS. THUS, WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF BOTH DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL INTERESTS, THE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION EXPECTS TO RENDER A DECISION DURING THE WEEK OF JUNE 30 ON WHETHER THE CHARTERING TO SMIT-LLOYD WILL BE APPROVED THE DEPARTMENT

WILL ADVISE THE EMBASSY OF THE DECISION. FYI. THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT THE GENERAL COUNSEL'S OFFICE OF THE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO ASSURE THAT A FINAL DECISION WILL BE MADE THAT IS MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH PARTIES. KISSINGER

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